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Dear Bill:

(On seeing AR/ES): encouraging citations vs dangling attributions.

No way to enforce any rule; but a point of discussion, for editors, that I would advocate: links like this one to Woodger would better be brought out with explicit citation. Then Woodger's name would be in the bibliography, and anyone interested in exploring the impact of Woodger's ideas could find the link through the Science Citation Index. (As I read on, there is ref. (140) on p. 12, almost fortuitously).

The point hardly needs to be pressed for a piece of intellectual history! (in taxonomy!)

This article had other problems: the early part of it is almost unintelligible outside the specialty, -- and most other readers will be lost before they get to the more systematic treatment further on. These prefatory memoirs, especially, should outline the definitions and issues for the benefit of other readers. I expect your editors tried hard with Dupuis.

I was delighted to hear that Bob Merton agreed to write a preface.

Yours sincerely,


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